ling Officer also, as the same has not been referred to in the reply of Government?

First Member.—

That is a legal question which Government are not prepared to answer.

BY MR. S. HAMPIAH—Special Interests (Sidlaghatta).

Q.—13. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) If they are aware that applicants for loans for sericulture in accordance with G. O. No. 5065—A. I. 147-14-3, dated 25th May 1915, are put to trouble for want of sufficient allotment?

(*b*) How many applications for loans have been received since 1915? How many of them were sanctioned? What is the amount granted in all? How many applications are pending disposal and why? Details may kindly be furnished districtwar.

(*c*) What is the budget allotment for loans this year? Can the amount allotted be placed at the disposal of the Head of the Department? If it cannot be so placed, can Government make arrangements to entrust the funds to some other officer so that applicants can have facilities for early sanction of the loans?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—13. (*a*) No.

(*b*)

District	Number of applications received	Number of applications disposed of	Pending	Amount sanctioned
				Rs.
Mysore	26	22	4	950
Bangalore	30	20	10	1,750
Tumkur	33	18	15	2,710
Kolar	60	35	25	6,250
Kadur	15	5	10	1,500
Hassan	25	13	12	1,350
Chitaldrug ...	...	...	...	...
Shimoga	...	...	...	...
Total ...	189	113	76	14,510

(*c*) The allotment for sericultural loans in the current year is Rs. 5,000. Under the existing rules, loans are granted by the following agencies:—

(*a*) *Loans for general Sericultural Improvement*—

	Rs.
Government	up to 5,000
Amildars	100
Sub-Division Officers and Superintendent of Sericulture	250
Deputy Commissioners	500

(*b*) *Loans for encouraging aided grainages*—

Director of Agriculture	up to 1,000
Superintendent of Sericulture	500

The question of revising these rules and enhancing the powers of sanction of the Superintendent of Sericulture and the Director of Agriculture is under the consideration of Government.

Supplementary questions.

Mr. S. Hampiah.—

(1) With reference to answer to Q. 13 (*c*), will Government be pleased to say whether this answer is not inconsistent with the information furnished by Government at the last session of the Assembly?

Revenue Secretary.—

The information given last time, *viz*, that Rs. 8,000 were sanctioned for sericultural loans, was wrong. The amount sanctioned for this year is Rs. 5,000.

Mr. S. Hampiah.—

(2) With reference to the statement contained in the reply to question 13 (*c*) that the question of revising the rules regulating the grant of loans is under the consideration of Government, will Government be pleased to say whether it is not desirable to expedite orders on the matter as it is already some months since the budget was passed?

Dewan.—

That is more a suggestion and cannot be regarded as a supplemental question.